Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 05 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 Mar 2021 at 16:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry cold and settled next few days, low for timing of the change to more changeable conditions with some rain and snow later in the weekend or early next week.

Headline for Thursday 04 Mar 2021: Cloudy with a little rain and snow at first becoming brighter and drier by the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	60%	30%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Weather: Cloudy in the early hours and into the first part of the morning with some outbreaks of rain, with snow above 500-600m, but this will be mostly light and a few areas could escape dry. Drier conditions into the Sutherland hills by daybreak will extend south to the rest of the Northwest Highlands during the morning, with cloud lifting and breaking to allow some sunny intervals. A dry evening with clear spells and frost developing at all levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning, rising to 80% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate, occasionally poor at first, in the rain and snow, with poor visibility in cloud based at 600-800m with a few patches to 450m in north, before it breaks up and lifts, bringing very good visibility in the clean Arctic airstream.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/33 E	21/26 NE	20/24 NE	21/27 E	17/24 E	16/23 E	18/26 E	15/23 E	13/19 E
900	24/31 E	19/24 NE	18/22 NE	20/27 E	18/25 E	17/24 E	20/28 E	17/24 E	14/20 E
600	12/19 E	9/14 NE	11/16 NE	15/22 E	14/22 E	13/21 E	13/22 E	12/21 E	10/17 E
300	4/19 E	2/16 NE	4/16 NE	9/19 E	11/21 E	10/20 E	10/19 E	8/17 E	7/13 E
Glen	3/11 NE	2/6 NE	6/13 NE	13/22 E	14/23 E	11/20 E	11/21 E	11/19 E	9/13 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11	-5/-13	-6/-12	-6/-12
900	-2/-9	-1/-8	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-4/-12	-5/-12	-5/-11
600	0/-5	0/-4	0/-4	-0/-6	-1/-6	-0/-6	-2/-7	-2/-8	-3/-8
300	2/0	2/1	2/-0	2/-2	3/-2	3/-1	1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5
Glen	4/2	4/2	4/2	5/1	6/2	6/2	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	500m	400m	300m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Although winds not strong, the lowering temperatures and a significant wind chill still lead to a very low feels like temperature.

Forecast for Friday 05 Mar 2021
Weather: A dry day with some clear or sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Light and variable in the morning becoming south to southwest 10-15mph gusts 20-25mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: >95% with any cloud above the summits.

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 to Minus 10 at dawn rising to Plus 5 in the afternoon then back down to Minus 5 in the evening.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels, rising 450m for a time during the day.

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